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AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMEMBASSY LUANDA

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJ: RSO RECOMMENDATION FOR PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR ASST
SEC EASUM

REF: A. STATE 216774

B. LUANDA 861

1. IN LIGHT OF RSO RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SECURITY OF ASST SEC
EASUM DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA (NOV 1 -
NOV 23) THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE:

2. IN ADDITION TO POTENTIAL TROUBLE SPOTS MENTIONED IN
REFTEL A, RSO PRETORIA VIEWS LUANDA AS ADDITIONAL POINT OF
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CONCERN, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY LUANDA 861.

3. RSO HEART SINKS AT THE VERY THOUGHT OF THE ASST SEC TRAVELLING VIA AUTOMOBILE FROM MBABANE TO LOURENCO MARQUES. DEPENDING ON THE ROUTE TAKEN, THE ASST SEC WOULD BE EXPOSED TO 50-80 MILES OF UNPROTECTED ROAD, MUCH OF WHICH COULD NOT PROPERLY BE TERMED A HIGHWAY. FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE ARMY ROAD BLOCKS ARE STILL IN OPERATION ALONG THIS ROAD. VEHICLES AND OCCUPANTS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH FOR ARMS. IF ARMS ARE DISCOVERED THE OCCUPANTS OF THE VEHICLE ARE SUBJECT TO DETENTION OR MORE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES DEPENDING ON THE MOOD OF THE GUARDS. THIS COMPLETELY ELIMINATES THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ARMED RSO TRAVELLING WITH THE ASST SEC IN MOZAMBIQUE.

4. RSO MOST STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALTERNATIVELY THE ASST SEC TRAVEL BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT FROM LATSAPA AIRPORT, MANZINI, SWAZILAND TO LOURENCO MARQUES.

5. AMEMBASY MBABANE REPORTS THAT CHARTER AIRCRAFT IS READILY AVAILABLE. THEY RECOMMEND THE FIRM "GENERAL AIR SERVICES" AND PILOT, R. HILLAND, BOTH WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN IN SWAZILAND. AIRCRAFT IS TWIN ENGINE CESSNA 310 CAPABLE OF CARRYING FIVE PASSENGERS. COST: RAND 101,20 (US DOLLARS 144.97) PLUS LANDING FEES IN LM. A/RSO HAS FURTHER DETERMINED THAT SWAZI AIR HAS TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER. COST: RAND 110,00 (US DOLLARS 157.58).

6. AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES CONCURS THAT AIR TRAVEL IS PREFERABLE TO DRIVING. HOWEVER, IF LAND ROUTE IS CHOSEN THEY HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT ASST SEC BE MET AT SWAZILAND/MOZAMBIQUE BORDER BY CONGEN OFFICIAL SEDAN AND THAT PORTUGUESE SPEAKING AMERICAN OFFICER OF CONGEN ACCOMPANY THE ASST SEC. CONGEN WOULD NOTIFY PORTUGUESE MILITARY COMMAND AND MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT OF TRAVEL IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAXIMIZE SECURITY OF LAND ROUTE.

7. COMMERCIAL AIR FROM MBABANE TO JOHANNESBURG TO L... IS UNAVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 19, THE INTENDED DATE OF TRAVEL FROM MBABANE TO LM. THIS LEAVES CHARTERED AIRCRAFT AS THE RECOMMENDED, MOST COMFORTABLE AND ABOVE ALL THE MOST SECURE METHOD OF TRAVEL FROM SWAZILAND TO MOZAMBIQUE.
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8 PLEASE ADVISE DESIRES OF ASST SEC SO THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

9. RSO/A/RSO ARE CONCERNED FOR SAFETY OF ASST SEC DURING HIS VISIT WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR PERIOD OF SCHEDULED VISIT TO LOURENCO MARQUES AND LUANDA. RSO-A/RSO ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PERSONAL, ARMED, PROTECTION TO ASST SEC WITHIN HIS

REGION WHEREVER POSSIBLE, AND ALSO TO ASSIST RSO NAIROBI
WITH SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOTH ASST SEC EASUM AND
AMBASSADOR HURD AT LUSAKA.

10 EMBASSY PRETORIA REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT AMEND
RSO SPALDING'S TDY ORDERS TO PRETORIA BEYOND PRESENT
NOVEMBER 15 TERMINATION TO MAKE AVAILABLE HIS LIAISON CONTACTS
WITH SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE AND SO THAT HE CAN PROVIDE OVERALL
COORDINATION OF SECURITY ASPECTS OF ASST SEC EASUM'S VISIT ON
SOUTHERN AFRICA.

1. RSO URGES THAT FUNDING FOR RSO TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH
ASST SEC VISIT BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM DEPARTMENT. RSO PRETORIA
REGION COMPRISES ELEVEN POSTS AND RSO WOULD PREFER NOT TO
MINISH TRAVEL RESOURCES AND THUS JEOPARDIZE SECURITY SERVICES
TO CONSTITUENT POSTS. HURD

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